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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/743,825 :
FILED: DECEMBER 24, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2176
FOR: APPARATUS, METHOD AND :
PROGRAM FOR CONVERTING :
STRUCTURED DOCUMENT :

DECLARATION OF INVENTOR

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SIR:

I, Akira Kinno, am one of the inventors in the above-identified patent application. Because I have worked in the information processing and software industry for more than five years, I believe that I am a person of ordinary skill in the relevant art.

I understand that the USPTO considers Callahan, et al. (US Patent Publication Number 2002-0157023, hereinafter Callahan) as not requiring an intermediate step to be performed when performing a transaction transformation process [0065].


I believe that our attorney has properly characterized Callahan at pages 16, 17, and 18 of the Amendment filed December 26, 2007. In that discussion, our response explains that Callahan requires the intermediate step. For example, as shown in the cover figure, annotation 510 is the mechanism by which the XML schema is annotated with semantic actions that guide the transformation process. It is the annotation process and the creation of an intermediate file that allows Callahan to achieve its objective of providing an efficient and

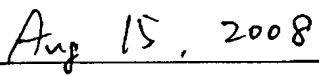
easy-to-configure network transaction. Without having the intermediate step, Callahan would not be able to allow the "rule setter" to set new rules in order to accomplish its goal.

Therefore, based on my experience in the industry, and my review of Callahan, I believe that Callahan's successful operation of meeting of its stated objective requires the step of creating an intermediate file in order to support the transformation process.

The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Further deponent saith not.



Akira Kinno


Date